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REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 are objected to because of informalities, and claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Hsu.

Claims 1-4 are now amended to clearly define the invention in a patentable way to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as well as correct the informalities pointed out by the examiner. More specifically, claim 1 now recites the limitations of the first connecting pivot seat having side flanges extending upwards and screw holes formed on the side flanges for connecting to a cover of the notebook computer; and the second connecting pivot seat having a side flange extending downwards for engaging with the master body. The above limitations are neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art.

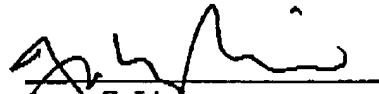
As can be seen from FIG. 3 of Hsu, the first connecting pivot seat (4) in Hsu's art has no side flanges extending upwards and screw holes for connecting to a cover of a notebook computer. The second connecting pivot seat (6) is a ring shaped component which prevents the horizontal pivot shaft (42, 5) from pivoting 360 degrees. Although the examiner states that Hsu's second connecting pivot seat has a side flange, the side flange is extending around the bottom of (6) as interpreted by the examiner instead of extending downwards as in the instant invention. It is important to note that Hsu's horizontal pivot shaft (42, 5) and second connecting pivot seat (6) make it impossible for the screen to pivot 360 degrees as claimed in claim 1 of the instant invention.

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From the foregoing discussion, it is clear that the instant invention differs from the cited prior arts. The physical difference results in different effects and is not obvious. The amended base claim 1 has overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and should be patentable. By virtue of dependency, the amended claims 1-4 should also be patentable. The specification has been amended to correct a few editorial and grammatical errors. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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